the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Rs. 70 crores financial assistance to speed up the works on the Yeluru reservoir, intended to supply water to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what is the amount already released; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first instalment of loan amounting to Rs. 10 crores has already been released.

(c) Does not arise.

Special drought relief to districts of Andhra Pradesh

2027. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give special financial assistance to Mahaboobnagar, Cuddapah and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh in view of the serious drought situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A ceiling of expenditure amounting to Rs. 48.38 crores has been approved for relief in the drought affected districts of Andhra Pradesh for the period upto 30th June, 1987. It is for the State Government to make suitable allocations to the affected districts.

Survey in Andhra Pradesh by the Geological Survey of India

2028. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the Geological Survey of India has conducted surveys at Velpumadugu and Malapuram, Y-Rampur and Chinna Kekuntla areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of houses by the E.P.I.

2029. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal submitted by the Engineering Projects (India) Limited (E.P.I.) regarding the construction of houses in record time at the lowest possible prices, pending with the Ministry of Urban Development/D.D.A.

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in accepting the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Engineering Projects (India) Limited (EPI) had sent a proposal to DDA which was discussed with their Engineers in July 1986 to use their plant lying somewhere in the Middle East.

(b) Engineers of EPI had explained to DDA that their plant could